

What is claimed is:

1. A power transmission chain comprising:

a first series of links comprising a plurality rows
of links positioned adjacent to each other and separated
along a chain direction, the rows of the first series of
5 links including:

a guide link and a drive link, the guide link
separated from the drive link in a first lateral
direction that is perpendicular to the chain
direction, and the guide link and the drive link
10 being substantially the same length along the chain
direction;

a second series of links comprising a plurality rows
of links positioned adjacent to each other and separated
along a chain direction, the rows of the second series
15 of links including:

a guide link and a drive link, the guide link
separated from the drive link in a second lateral
direction that is perpendicular to the chain
direction and opposite the first lateral direction,
20 the guide link and the drive link being

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substantially the same length along the chain
direction;

the rows of the first series separated along the
chain direction by a distance that is less than a length
25 along the chain direction of the links of the second
series,

the rows of the second series separated along the
chain direction by a distance that is less than a length
along the chain direction of the links of the first
30 series;

the first series and the second series interleaved
along the chain direction so that a row of links of the
second series is positioned between and extending
adjacent to links of adjacent rows of the first series
35 and a row of links of the first series is positioned
between and extending adjacent to links of adjacent rows
of the second series,

the drive link of each interleaved row of the first
series extending between the drive link and guide link of
40 each row of the second series adjacent to the drive link
of the row of the first series and the drive link of each
interleaved row of the second series extending between
the drive link and guide link of each row of the first

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series adjacent to the drive link of the row of the
45 second series;

each row of links of the first series being
pivotally connected to each row of the second series
interleaved with the row of the first series at locations
near the ends of the links of the first series along the
50 chain direction where the adjacent rows of the first
series and the second series are interleaved;

each row of links of the second series being
pivotally connected to each row of the first series
interleaved with the row of the second series at
55 locations near the ends of the links of the second series
along the chain direction where the adjacent rows of the
first series and second series are interleaved;

whereby, separations along the chain direction
between ends of drive links of adjacent rows of the first
60 series are adjacent to the drive links of the second
series and separations along the chain direction between
ends of drive links of adjacent rows of the second series
are adjacent to the drive links of the first series and
the guide links of alternate rows along the chain
65 direction are positioned on alternate lateral sides of
the power transmission chain.

6. A sprocket and power transmission chain
comprising:

a sprocket having sprocket teeth extending radially
outwardly at an outer surface of the sprocket, the
5 sprocket teeth

arranged in a plurality of series around
circumference of the sprocket, with adjacent series
offset from each other along a direction generally
perpendicular to the series.

10 the teeth of each series separated from
adjacent sprocket teeth of the series to accept a
drive link of a power transmission chain between
adjacent sprocket teeth,

a power transmission chain having a plurality of
15 series of interleaved, pivotally connected drive links,
each drive link positioned adjacent to two drive links,
one at each opposite end of the drive link along a chain
direction,

the chain having a guide link laterally adjacent to
20 and separated from the drive links, so that an
interleaved drive link is between the guide link and

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drive link at opposite ends of the drive link along the chain direction; and

the power transmission chain engaging the sprocket
25 positioning a first series of drive links engaging a first series of sprocket teeth and a second series of drive links engaging a second series of sprocket teeth.

7. The sprocket and power transmission chain of claim 6, wherein the sprocket has two parallel series of sprocket teeth.

8. The sprocket and power transmission chain of
5 claim 6, wherein the chain further comprises pins pivotally connecting interleaved drive links and guide links.

9. The sprocket and power transmission chain of claim 6, wherein the drive links define a front side and
10 a back side, the front side of a drive link defining two inverted teeth for meshing with a front drive sprocket, the back side of a drive link defining flanks configured so that the back side of the drive link is accepted between adjacent sprocket teeth of a series for meshing
15 with a back drive sprocket.

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